

**Fremont Conservation Commission**  
**1-10-11 Minutes**



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**Minutes of January 10, 2011**  
Approved February 7, 2011

Present: Chairman John (Jack) Karcz, Members Patricia deBeer, Bill Knee, Janice O'Brien, and Alternate/Recording Secretary Meredith Bolduc.

Chrm. Karcz opened the meeting at 7:10 pm.

**MINUTES**

Mbr. deBeer motioned to amend the December 20, 2010 minutes by replacing "suggestions" with "recommendations" (in two areas) under Bio-inventory on pg 2.

The motion was seconded by Mbr. Knee with unanimous favorable vote.

Mbr. Knee motioned to accept the minutes of the December 20, 2010 meeting as amended.

The motion was seconded by Mbr. deBeer with unanimous favorable vote.

**GRANTS**

The Commission received a December 20, 2010 correspondence from PREP relating that the grant proposal Mbr. deBeer submitted for land acquisition was not selected to receive funding. In his December 22, 2010 e-mail correspondence Dave Kellam said the review team suggested that the Commission could apply to the NH Coastal Program grant that recently opened. He added that the project may be eligible for funding through the 2011 Land Transaction Grant Program. Mr. Kellam also said to keep PREP in mind if the project is still open next year, as the team would have been more likely to fund the project if plans were further along.

**BIOINVENTORY**

There was a conversation relative to public outreach to advertise the information session relative to the results of bio-inventory which is scheduled to be held upstairs in the Fremont Town Hall at 7:30 pm on January 24, 2010. It was noted that Julie LaBranche has sent letters of notification to all property owners in the study area and a separate one to the participating Towns of Danville, Fremont and Sandown. Mrs. Bolduc said that it is also posted on the CC page of the Town website.

A suggestion was made to put a notice in the Carriage Towne News and, although the Members thought this was a good idea, they considered it too late because of the submittal timeframe.

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#### **PENDING SENATE BILLS**

Mbr. deBeer made the Members aware of the following pending Senate Bills.

- SB 19 would reduce prime wetlands to areas that are 5 or more acres.
- SB 20 would remove the shoreland permit requirement when an applicant receives an alteration of terrain permit.
- SB 21 would remove from wetland jurisdiction all man-made wetlands unless they are part of compensatory mitigation.

#### **CONSERVATION ACCOUNTS**

The Commission received and acknowledged:

1. A December 23, 2010 correspondence from Town Administrator Heidi Carlson reporting that the total amount of funds remitted to the Conservation Residual Account from the remainder of the 2010 budget appropriated funds is \$101.01. (2009 was \$2,456.25).
2. A December 30, 2010 correspondence from Heidi reporting that the total amount of funds remitted to the Conservation Account fund for fiscal 2010 land use change tax dollars is \$8700.00. This sum represents the formula of 50% over the first \$10,000.00 collected. She also submitted the Tax Collector information used to arrive at that figure. (this is down from \$9,445.14 last year)

#### **TOWN FORESTS**

At 7:30 pm Dennis Howland met with the Commission to relate updates and suggestions relative to the Town Forests.

Mr. Howland:

- Submitted some publications on “Forest Resource Management” and “Protecting Water Quality” that he got from the “Roads & Trails on Your Woodlot” forum he attended at the UNH Cooperative Extension in November, 2010. He suggested that a shelf or area be designated for such publications so they will be available to the public.
- Reported that he recently met with the Boy Scouts at Ellis School to promote the Hike & Seek Contest. Mr. Howland said he was given a backpack by the school and the owner of Scoops Ice Cream Shop on Main Street has agreed to donate a certificate to be used as prizes for the contest. Mbr. O’Brien offered to make a piece of jewelry to donate and Mbr. Knee offered to donate some of his maple syrup. The Members discussed soliciting area banks for bonds, or businesses such as WalMart. No decisions were made.
- Submitted a Town Forest Trails Maintenance Plan which will be a working document that will be updated periodically. The Members agreed with Mr. Howland’s request that it be placed on the Open Space page of the Town web site.
- Suggested trying to organize a “trash day” at the Oak Ridge Town Forest just prior to bulky day. The purpose would be to pick up bulk trash such as tv’s, buckets, etc. that can be taken to the drop-off site on bulky day.
- Suggested holding an informal “snow-shoe hike” event in one of the Town Forests during the full moon time in February (around the 18<sup>th</sup>) or March (around the 19<sup>th</sup>). This was discussed and no decisions were made at this time.

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#### **OPEN SPACE REPORT**

Mr. Howland agreed to write a report of the Open Space Committee for the Town Report and submit it to Town Administrator Heidi Carlson.

#### **BIO-BLITZ**

The May 21, 2011 bio-blitz event at Glen Oakes was discussed. Mbr. O'Brien said she will contact some people that she thinks may be interested in being group leaders for the event. Mr. Howland said Ellis School Science teacher John Herrman may be interested in doing something with the school kids simultaneously with the bio-blitz events.

Received: There was no incoming correspondence.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2011.

Mbr. Knee made the motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm.  
Motion seconded by deBeer with unanimous favorable vote.

Meredith Bolduc  
Land Use AA/Recording Secretary